

\$4 million grant that they've received. So when those funds are exhausted, unless they receive further...a further grant, this would be the extent of it.

SENATOR KLEIN: Okay, thank you. In that case, I'll support the amendment, too.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion of the Maurstad amendment? Seeing none, Senator Maurstad, to close on the amendment. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Maurstad amendment to LB 1082. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Maurstad's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Maurstad amendment is adopted. Senator Crosby would like to recognize Dr. J.B. Kether, of Lincoln, who is serving as the Family Doctor of the Day, today, on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Kether is sitting under the north balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. We now return to a discussion of LB 1082. Senator Maurstad, to open on the bill.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. LB 1082 was introduced by myself and a number of other senators that specifically addresses a specific concern relative to low-income, affordable housing in the state of Nebraska. It would amend Nebraska Statute 71-1510, to provide the same tax exemption for Indian housing authorities that public housing authorities receive under Nebraska law, with regard to their proposed scattered-site housing units. It is the requirement of the Federal Housing Act that the public housing authority property and Indian housing authority property be exempt from taxation before federal funds are made available for the construction and maintenance of the housing units. As I indicated during the discussion on the amendment, the HUD has allocated \$4 million to the Ponca Tribe to provide scattered-site housing in a number of counties in the state of Nebraska. The Northern Ponca Housing Authority has attempted to gain an exemption on a county-by-county basis in Nebraska. Unfortunately, and the reason for this bill is, different counties have interpreted Nebraska's statute differently. Until every county involved is granted an exemption, HUD will not